

Please amend the claims as follows:

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54. (Once amended) A method for producing a polypeptide [protein], comprising:
- (a) ~~culturing a host cell under conditions suitable to produce a polypeptide encoded by the polynucleotide of claim 21, wherein said polynucleotide is (a), (b), (c) or (d); and~~
- (b) recovering the polypeptide [protein].

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 21-55, 57-70, and 73-74 will be pending in this application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and objections in view of the following remarks.

Claims 56 and 71 have been canceled and claim 54 has been amended. Support for the amendment to claim 54 can be found in the specification and the originally filed claims. Thus, no new matter has been added.

Applicants expressly assert that these claims were canceled and amended for the sole purpose of facilitating prosecution, and not in an effort to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103 rejections based on cited prior art, or in an effort to overcome rejections based on 35 U.S.C. § 112.

I. Specification.

The Examiner has objected to the specification because Figure 2 refers to residues 191-516 of t-PA, while the specification refers to the corresponding residues of t-PA as residues 1-325 of SEQ ID NO:3. (See Paper No. 17, Page 3.)